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In re application of:

LEPPLA et al.

Application No.: 10/554,076

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For: ACTIVATION OF
RECOMBINANT DIPHTHERIA TOXIN
FUSION PROTEINS BY SPECIFIC
PROTEASES HIGHLY EXPRESSED
ON THE SURFACE OF TUMOR CELLS

Customer No.: 45115

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
& AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 24, 2008, please enter the following amendments and remarks. This response is accompanied by a one-month Petition for Extension of Time, extending the time period for responding to April 24, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.